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TO THE
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AGAINST THE
ACT *concerning* JEWS
EXPOSED;

And the ACT set in a TRUE LIGHT.

WITH

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THE Kingdom has enjoyed so uncommon a Tranquillity under the present Administration, that the evil Spirits of Discontent, Division, and Opposition, seemed to have been sunk into a Lethargy, or totally to have abandoned this Island.

But it is plain, that the Enemies of our Constitution have of late been hard at work, to revive their old Tricks of playing off one Part of the People against another; the only Way they ever can hope to carry on any of their Schemes, against this Kingdom and Government.

They rejoice in it as a most happy Event, that the Act, relating to the Naturalization of *Jews*, was made at a Time, when the general Election is to follow so soon, that they are in a right Season to sow the Seeds of Division, and keep up the Cry against that Act, till the Election comes on; in hopes, then to reap a plentiful Harvest; with this lucky Circumstance, that there will be no Time for Experience to prove the good or ill Effects of it.

To observe the excessive Clamour, which has run through the Nation against this Act, what is there ever so absurd, which a Foreigner would not be apt to ask: As, Whether the Legislature has not made a Law, to invite the *Jews* to accept of the highest Preferments in the Church,

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and the greatest Offices in the State? Whether this Act will not abolish Christianity here, and establish Judaism; and oblige the Nobility, and all other landed Men in the Kingdom, to sell their Estates to *Jews*, as fast as they shall think fit to bid for them?—Nothing can equal the Absurdity of these Questions; and yet, if the Apprehensions of Men were proportioned to the present Ferment, and Outcry against this Act, they would naturally come from any Stranger whatever.

In Queen *Ann's* Reign, *The Church is in Danger* was the Cry, raised by those good Friends of our Church, the Papists and Jacobites, to set the People together by the Ears; and now, they have with the same *Catholick* Vigilance for the Safety of the State, as well as the Church, fastened upon a single Word in this unfortunate Act, which they expect to use with more Success, and to do more Mischief with, for the *Good* of the Nation, than ever was done by the *famous* Phrase above mentioned.

They know, that the Monosyllable *Jew* has some Ideas attending it, in the Minds of Christians, not very favourable to that People. Hence, upon the passing of this Act, these precious Spirits happily saw, that they could with ease work up that inbred Prejudice to a Frenzy, and make those believe, who will not be at the Pains to think for themselves, (which by the way make up a great Part of the good People of *England*) that *St. Peter's Westminster*, and *St. Paul's London*, are in Danger of being turned into Synagogues.

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There is so strong a Spirit of Delusion gone forth, that thousands of his Majesty's well-meaning Subjects have actually been made to believe, That this Act has naturalized all the *Jews* in the Kingdom, and will naturalize all the *Jews* in the World, if they will come over here: That they will certainly buy up most of the Estates in this Country; and fill Benefices, as they become vacant, with Priests of their own Religion: That they will make their Way into Parliament, and *then* repeal the Test Act, and every Law that may stand in their Way to Offices, and Places, in Church and State: and, That they will draw all the Trade and Commerce out of our Merchants Hands into their own.

One would think, that none but the Politicians of *Moorfields* could have their Heads filled with such extravagant Furniture as this; but our Enemies have convinced us, that this Land abounds with Madmen, into whom they have infused these wild Notions, and comfort themselves with the modest Hopes of gaining many, and *wholesome* Advantages from them, to the great Perplexity of Government, and Confusion of the Nation. To divide the Kingdom against itself is their Business, and so they compass this wise End, no matter how foolish the Means are. They are conscious, that Reason and Truth are irreconcilable Enemies to all their Schemes, and therefore they are to work upon weak Minds, with monstrous Nonsense and Contradiction. It is certain, that these *Underminers* have bewitched the *sagacious* Vulgar with such surprising Success, that they as firmly believe, that Nonsense and Contradiction are Reason and

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Truth, and that the *Jew* Act will unhinge the Constitution, as a Country-girl at a Puppet-show does, that Punchinello is the very Man who speaks what his Owner says behind the Curtain.

But lest the present ridiculous Noise should beget a pernicious one, which might intoxicate and drown Mens Senses, at a Time when they ought to have the clearest Use of their Reason; I shall, for the good of my Country, and to undeceive my Fellow-subjects, proceed to satisfy them, that these Underminers are meer Puppet-show Men; and, that the Act no more threatens what they pretend it does, than that Punch speaks what his Master says behind the Skreen.

It would very much shorten my Work, to transcribe the Act here, and recommend it to the sober Perusal, and rational and very mature Deliberation of my deluded Country-men; and then, I might reasonably hope, that I need not give myself any farther Trouble about it. But as this poor Act has had its Commentators, who have very much puzzled and wrested the Text, to their own evil Purposes, (and indeed, the Bible itself has not escaped the like Fate) I am afraid, that if I should but copy it out, it would still labour under the vicious Interpretations of its unfaithful Commentators; which would by no means serve my Ends: In order therefore, to rescue the Text from the false Glosses of these designing Annotators, and to restore it to its true Sense, and those who have been misled, to the Use of their Reason, and in consequence the Quiet of their Minds; I shall consider the Act in two Particulars; namely, its Extent, and Consequences,

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In the first Place then, there is not a *Jew* in *England*, or in the *World*, who is naturalized by this Act: For, it is an Act, not to naturalize them, or any of them, but to permit them to be naturalized by Act of Parliament; so that no *Jew* whatever can be naturalized, without a future Act of Parliament. Now, as rich as *Jews* are, it is but a very small Number in Comparison of the whole of them, who can go to that Expence: All the Jew-pedlars in the Kingdom, and upon the Face of the whole Earth, are out of this Question, because they cannot pay for obtaining an Act. So that it is evident, that the Objects of this Act are rich *Jews* only, and that it extends itself to no other.

The Act was solely calculated to invite rich *Jews* to transport their Wealth from foreign Countries, and carry on their Merchandizing here: This, I say, is the sole and single Point, which this Act does, or can possibly aim at. The rich *Jews*, who are already settled here, may embrace the Opportunity of being naturalized; but the Act was needless in respect of them, who must find their best Account in continuing their Dealings here; if this Act had never been thought of.

Since then, this Act is so partial, as to favour none but the *Rich*, I must earnestly intreat my Country-friends, not to knock the poor Jew-pedlar on the Head, nor souse him in a Horse-Pond, for being an Englishman; for tho' he shall breath English Air to his Life's End, there is not the least Danger, that he will ever come to be a Justice of Peace, or a Deputy-Lieutenant of a County.

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But, the dreadful Monsters which this Act is breeding, are wrapt up in Embryo in its Consequences : And, these are to be considered, in relation to naturalized *Jews* ; and, in regard to the Publick.

If the *Jew* carries all before him, it must be in the Church, in the State, and in Trade ; for these indeed are all.

As to the Church ; this very Act shuts the Doors full in his Face : For, if he had an Estate containing twenty Parishes, he is not only unable to fill any Vacancy with a Priest of his own Religion, but he cannot present even a Protestant Clergyman ; for, the Act expressly disables him from presenting at all ; and vests the Right of Presentation wholly in the Bishop of the Diocese.

And, I have one Thing to observe to my Fellow-Christians, which ought to be of use, to banish their Fears of the *Jews*, on the Score of Religion ; namely, that under the Protection of the Government, the *Jews* keep open their Synagogues, and enjoy the free and peaceable Exercise of their Religion ; and they may do so to Doomsday, before they will make a dozen Proselytes from the Christian Faith.

But, before I take a prospect of the *Jew* in his future Glory in the State, I must beg my Reader's leave to step aside a little, to give vent to the Overflowings of my Heart, in Joy for the lively Spirit of Christianity, which has so suddenly and remarkably started up, at the Alarm given, that our Religion is in Danger from the *Jews*. We have so very little troubled ourselves about Religion, since the last Time *the Church*

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was in Danger, which is above forty Years; that I had for some Time thought, that Christianity was not far from giving up the Ghost. There were several Symptoms, which increased my Fears, almost to Despair. It had received many dismal Bruises from Societies; the Press had wounded it in numberless Places; and the Detestable *Bolingbroke* gave it a deep Stab *after he was dead*, which seemed very dangerous, because I observed, its greatest Enemies looked on it with most Pleasure, and celebrated the Performance. But, no sooner was this *Jew Act* made, than our Religion recovered, and we have convinced the World, that we are a Nation of Christians, and not *Jews*, and are like to be so, in spite of the malicious Aspersions of our Enemies.

On this *very religious* Occasion, the fiery Zealots amongst us have not spared their Invectives against our Bishops in particular, for concurring in a Law, to favour those of a different Religion. But to speak Evil of Dignities, is with them a *pious* Enjoyment. This very Act is as a Wall of Adamant, to secure our Religion from *Jews*, therefore all *Danger* of our Religion is utterly out of the Dispute. Now, I must acquaint these High-Churchmen, (for I fear it would affront them, to call them Papists,) that, to wish ill to any, for being of a different Religion, is Popery, not Protestantism; it is a Disposition towards the Spirit of Persecution; and, Persecution is of the Religion of *Rome*; Moderation, of the Church of *England*. Had the Bishops, meerly for being of a different Religion, refused to favour those who deserved it, in a *temporal* Concern,

Mankind might justly have charged them with Want of Moderation, which infers a Breach of Christian Charity ; but, their Concurrence in this Act is a fresh Proof, that *Moderation* is the distinguishing Characteristick of the Church of *England*, and shines illustriously in the present Fathers of it. In agreeing to this Act, they have proved themselves to be good Christians; for, *as they have Opportunity they do good to all Men*, which must extend to those of different Perswasions ; *and especially to those of the Household of Faith* ; whom in this Instance I will hereafter prove to be our own Protestant Manufacturers and Artificers, if the Act operates at all. And, they have not only acted up to the sacred Part of their Characters, but have shewn themselves good Patriots, in joining in an Act, the *main Design* whereof is the Increase of Trade, the Enlargement of Commerce, and the publick Good.

And now, I return to my Subject, to see in the next Place, what Success the naturalized *Jew* is like to have in the State. And, here the *Modesty* of our Underminers is very conspicuous, in attempting to perswade People, against the common Sense of Mankind, that a *Jew* can be qualified to hold an Office under the Crown, or have a Seat in Parliament.

For, in every Act of Parliament for naturalizing a foreign Protestant, there is a Proviso, expressly disabling him from being of the Privy-Council, or a Member of either House of Parliament, and from holding any Office, either civil or military : And, he will be a bold Man, who will affirm, that the Legislature will not lay the same Disability on the *Jew*, in as express Words
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in an Act for his Naturalization, as they do on the foreign Protestant. And it would be monstrous, if it were not so: For, the naturalized Protestant is by his Religion, which is the same with ours, much better qualified to hold a Place of Trust under the Crown, than a *Jew* can be, because it enables him to comply with the Test Act; and yet for all this, the very Act which naturalizes an alien Protestant, precludes him from any Office under the Crown: Much more ought the Act which naturalizes the *Jew*, to keep him off in his Turn.

This Comparison is an Argument *a fortiori*, to prove the *Jew* excluded from all Offices of Trust; but is no Reason, that he is a bad Subject, or an unprofitable Member in a trading Nation.

But, the great Bar which the Legislature has provided, to keep out all of different Religions from ours, from Offices of Trust, is the Test Act; which therefore stands full in the Way of the *Jew*. It requires the taking of the Sacrament, and the Oaths; which *Jews* are by their Religion incapable of: The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ they have nothing to do with; and, unless this be taken, the Act admits none into Office under his Majesty: So that before a *Jew* can possibly hold any Place of Trust, the Test Act must be repealed, or else he must be excepted out of it, by a future Act of Parliament; which is absurd; for, it would crack one of the main Pillars, laid for the Safety of Government.

After what I have said on this Head, I would not have any *Jew* think that I exult over him, because his Case is so hard, that he can never expect to be Prime Minister, or Lord High Chancellor

of *Great Britain*; or repine, because *Hebrew* will not be the Language of the Bar in our Days: The Laws are so, and there is no Help for it; but when Posterity get them into their hands, they may do with them, as they please. But, if People can be content with solid Happiness, to live and thrive under the Protection of a British Government, is the Way to have it: And this brings me to the third Particular, namely, Trade.

Here, the Act may be of Advantage to naturalized *Jews*; they will trade on the same Foot with natural-born Subjects, and may purchase Lands and Possessions here; when Christians chuse to sell to them. These Advantages they may have from the Act; and these are the main and ultimate Benefits which can arise to them from it: This is their *ne plus ultra*; for, any intermeddling either in our Church, or under the Crown, is by the Laws secured, and kept sacred from their Hands, as has been proved. But, as to any incidental Influences they may be fancied to have hereafter over the People, if Men will look into the Disposition of their own Hearts towards them, they will find this a Contradiction, and provided against by the very Prejudices, which they themselves, right or wrong, harbour in their Breasts, and which grow up with every Generation. This is an ill-natur'd Argument, but not a groundless one.

Now, because naturaliz'd *Jews* will have an Opportunity of buying Lands here, can any Man be weak or silly enough to imagine, that the landed-Gentry of this Kingdom will be forward to sell them their Estates, for the Sake of their
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Company?—But, whenever an Estate happens to be for Sale, I can by no means think, that the *Jews* will ever so totally engross all the Riches of the Nation, that there will not be a Christian Bidder, as well as a *Jew*: But I do suspect, that by the Help of this same thriving Prejudice against them, it may fairly be taken for granted, that when an Estate is to be sold, the Christian Bidder will always be preferred to the *Jew*; at least till the *Jew* out-bids him. Some of them may perhaps lend Money to Spendthrifts, and get a Finger that Way into their Estates, which will facilitate their getting the whole: But still, the Prodigal may pay off the *Jew*, and sell to the Christian, if he pleases.

But however; they may, it is true, buy Possessions here, and leave off Trade too, when they think fit; but, as this Act invites them over, for the Sake of employing their Wealth in Trade and Commerce, (which is the Sphere the *Jews* move in round the World,) and not to sell them Lands; if they should grow useless Subjects, and retire out of that Sphere, into great Estates, the Legislature can easily turn their Eyes on them, and deal with them as they think proper. And, as to the Danger of the Protestant Religion from the Increase of *Jews* Estates, it is just as likely, that Quakerism should be the Religion of the Nation, if Quakers should buy more Lands amongst us, as that we should profess Judaism for the like Reason.

With Regard to the Act itself, which has already done such Mischief in Mens Imaginations, both in Town and Country, if any Inconvenience should upon Experience arise from it, which

sometimes happens in the most salutary Laws, the Legislature may do by this, as they do by them; remedy the Evil without throwing away the Good, by making another Act to amend this.

Now, having reckoned up the *great and dangerous* Consequences of this Act, in Favour of naturalized *Jews*, it remains, that I take a View of those, which may arise to the Publick. And, these I shall make bold to call *Advantages*, which the Act was solely calculated to produce; namely, such an Increase of the Wealth, Trade, and Commerce of this Kingdom, as may arise from the Riches and Fortunes of *foreign Jews* brought over, and employed here, be it more, or be it less.

The Act was made, I say, for the publick Good, and not for the Sake of the *Jews*, don't mistake it: For, if *very many* of them embrace this Occasion, they will add to that which is the great Source of the Riches and Strength of this Nation, Trade; Numbers of our poor Manufacturers, who now are perhaps a Burthen to their Parishes, will be employed; which will make them profitable Members of the Commonwealth; the Master-Artificer will thrive more, and be happier; the Farmers will have their Produce more easily taken off their hands to Advantage; the Navigation will be proportionally increased; and, add to these, that their Imports from other Countries, in return for the Manufactures and Growth of this, will increase the publick Revenues, and will to far help to lessen the Tax upon the Subject. On the contrary; if but *few foreign Jews* remove their Wealth here, the Consequences of
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the Act in relation to the Publick, will come to nothing.

The *Jews* are known to live, and hold Correspondences among one another, in all Parts of the World, where any Trade is carried on; and, as it is said, in some Parts where none of our English Merchants trade; but, be that as it will, their Correspondences being settled, they will hold them wherever they are: If they never come here, they will keep them elsewhere; if they do, they will follow them here: This is a Proof, that they may be of use to *enlarge* our Trade.

Can any Man then be said to be a Lover of his Country; or, can he deserve the Good-will of his Fellow-Subjects; who clamours against an Act, which was made purely to promote Trade, and the Employment of those in Trade?—But they say, the *Jew* will grow rich by it, and buy an Estate: A rare Objection this, in a Country which subsists by Trade! These hot-brained Patriots had rather that Numbers of our Artificers and Manufacturers should languish and starve, than live upon *Jews* Money; which last will be Fact, when they come here.

But, to set this Matter in a clear Light: Let us suppose, that a *Hundred Jews* should remove their Fortunes into *England*, and each *Jew* should, by employing his Wealth in Traffick, be a means of setting at work *fifty* of our Handicraftmen; besides exporting Quantities of the Produce of this Kingdom yearly: Can any Man be foolish enough, to doubt whether this would be a publick Good? And such will be the Case, *in Proportion* to the rich *Jews* which come over. But, if any of those who are in a Rage with this Act,
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will say, he had rather that the *five Thousand* Artificers and their Families should starve, than that *a Hundred* rich *Jews* should grow richer by their Labour; and, that the Produce of the Land should perish, and the Farmers be impoverished, rather than these *Jews* should gain by exporting it; he will act suitably to his Principles, to support the Outcry against it: If not, he must be ashamed to have let his Reason be so grossly abused, and will withdraw from the *unthinking Crowd*, who are seduced into this senseless Noise, to the Injury of their Country.

But, the Supposition may be laid home, to the personal Interest of those, who find Fault with the Act, and then the Argument will work more strongly; not that it is stronger in itself; but because Self-love and Self-Interest are first Principles in Men.

Suppose then, for instance, that a naturalized *Jew* should apply to a Tradesman who is one of these, to get him £ 1000 worth of certain Goods made for Exportation; and to a Farmer, who is in the Cry, to sell him Grain to that Value; and, that both the Tradesman and Farmer could get very largely by the Sale of their Goods: The one would hardly say to the *Jew*, My Workmen shall all stand idle, and I will rather lose the extraordinary Gain I could make by the Sale of my Goods, than a *Jew* shall make any Advantage by them; and the other, That his Corn should rather perish, than he would sell it to a *Jew*: No, though they clamour against the Act which makes way for the Trade and Advantage of others, (and perhaps themselves too) the Tradesman will himself set his Artificers at work

work for the *Jew*, and the Farmer will sell him his Grain, though the *Jew* should be enriched by it. Although they hate the circumcised *Jew*, they would readily shew their Regard to his *uncircumcised* Gold.

These Suppositions point at the very Essence of the Act in its Consequences, and are incontestable Proofs, that it is certainly good, as far as it goes; I say, as far as it goes; but, how far that will be, Time and Experience only can evince.

Since then, the Increase of Trade is the very Scope and End of the Act; and, if it is to have any Consequence, it is evident, that it can have no other than this; let any Man but compare the monstrous Clamour with the Pretence of it, and he will presently see, that our Popish Friends, seconded by that heterogeneous Kind of Protestants, called Jacobites, are those who first filled the Horn with this important Clangor: The very Excess of the Noise proves itself a Sham; but it is common with them, to shew a Mountain in labour of a Mouse. And now the Vermin is come forth, I hope the Vapours of Terror which intoxicated the Unwary, will disperse, and that their Eyes will be open enough to see it, that they may trample upon it. This will prevent those pernicious Diffensions, that might follow at a Time which is not far distant, when no good Subject would wish, that the Tranquillity of the Nation should be disturbed; which is the Thing our *good Friends* are driving at.

There is nothing so factious, seditious, or absurd, which, when once published, has not its Followers, and Abettors. If it were not so, with
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what Face could these Instruments of Mischief, whom I have called *Underminers*, attempt to make any Man in *England* imagine, that after so long a Series of excellent Laws, of many Kinds, and particularly in Trade, in many of its Branches, which have been made through the Course of this Administration, the Legislature could of a sudden pass an Act, to the apparent Danger of the Constitution and Kingdom. What is there, that this Government has not done, to secure to the Subject all that he holds dear and valuable? And, it has had signal Opportunities of exerting itself in our Protection: In suppressing Rebellion; in bringing to Justice the Invaders of their Country's Peace; in making salutary Laws, for the Prevention of Insurrections for the future: And, let it be remembered, what the Heart of the People was, at that Time, when unlimited Wealth was, with an implicit Confidence, engaged by Association, for supporting the Measures of his Majesty's Government. And shall a Set of Incendiaries have it in their Power to abuse the Understanding of Men, so as to make them believe, that the Legislature have lately made a Law to the Prejudice of the Kingdom? — But these Gentry want to send over to *France* or *Rome* for Laws for us. In short, if Men are at this Day resolved not to think themselves secure, it will be impossible to say, where the Discontents and Jealousies of this People will end.

The present Ferment, which nothing but *the black Art* could so strongly and artificially raise, like a Castle in the Air, without Foundation, makes me imagine, that our Enemies really be-

lieve, they have lived to the Hour, wherein they have been able to stupify the People of *England* so effectually, that it will open the way for great future Schemes. And, how can they think otherwise, since they have done such Wonders with that dreadful Word, *Jew*?—We have known a Mutiny Bill strongly opposed, but when it has been passed into a Law, its Opposers have acquiesced. But a *Jew* is now, it seems, become more Terrible to the People, than a Standing Army.

One very successful Ingredient in the Sophistry made use of to inflame the People, is, that the *Jews* are the greatest Enemies the Christian Religion has: But, what Honours are paid to it by that Rabble of Denominations, with which this Kingdom at this Day abounds, and are a Disgrace to any Christian Country; as *Arians*, *Socinians*, *Deists*, &c. besides those of no Religion at all, who, if I mistake not, make up as great a Number as any of them; and to heighten the Jest, are deep in the *religious Cry* against the *Jews*. But I will tell you, who are greater Enemies to our Religion (which is the Christian Religion) than *Jews*, if Arguments from Matters of Fact are conclusive; and these are the very Instruments who have had the chief Hand in setting this Cant on Foot; that *tender-hearted* Species of Christians called Papists, with whose Plots, Conspiracies, and Treasons, to destroy our Religious and Civil Constitution, History is filled; besides their *conscientious* Butcheries of our Protestant Brethren, only as often as they have had Opportunity.

If the Papists themselves, and their dear Friends, had not set this deep-concerted Cry a

going, against the *greatest Enemies of our Religion*, I should have been alarmed, for what might befall that promising Branch of Trade, the British Herring Fishery; for, as I have just proved the Papists to be the bitterest Enemies of our Religion, if the Aversion should run so high, as to have no Dealings in Temporals, with those who abhor us in Spirituals, this Fishery, the Produce whereof is mostly taken off in Popish Countries, would of course fall to the Ground. But the Cry is a meer *Catholick Farce*, and the Fishery is safe.

But Religion, as has been proved, is totally out of the Question; and is here, only a specious Word used for the worst of Purposes, to stir up Divisions among Protestants. The Question to be asked here is, Who are the worst Subjects? They certainly, who plot and conspire to disturb the Peace of Government, and to involve the People in Dissensions and Anarchy. This, it must be owned, the *Jews* cannot be charged with; they are as quiet and peaceable Subjects, as any Sect in the Kingdom; they are never concerned in Plots against our Government; but, Papists are never out of them.

But, I must be cautious what I say, lest the *Jews* and Papists should prove to be Friends; for I hear, that in almost every Country-town in the Kingdom, the People are of late strongly possessed with a Notion, that the *Jews* are in the Interest of the Pretender, and will be ready, if he should make any future Attempt here, to pay his raggamuffin Army, and supply them with Bread *gratis*. Now, though I have undertaken to set the Act in a clear Light, I don't think myself obliged to palliate the ill Principles of the
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Jews, in their Hatred of our Establishment, and Wishes for its Subversion. There is no way to come at the Intention of the Heart, but by the outward Action; and, the *Jews* have by their Actions proved themselves great *Enemies* to the Government, not only on all Occasions, but most remarkably at the most critical Junctures. For, they have been ready at all Times, to furnish Money for the Exigencies of Government; and in particular, in the Year 1745, these designing *Enemies* freely engaged their Fortunes in the Associations then entered into, for the Support of his Majesty's Measures in Defence of our Liberties, when Rebellion and Popery were making their Progress towards this City. And, when the Run upon the Bank was at that Time such, that People refused to take Bank-notes without a Discount, which almost stopped their Circulation; some of these same *Enemies* of ours, the *Jews*, did, with several other Gentlemen, enter into a dangerous Combination against the Credit of the Bank, to take their Notes at par, which presently set them a running.

Since then, such has been the Conduct of the *Jews*, meer Justice calls for Indulgence from that Community, whom they have shewn a faithful Temper to assist, and with whom they have co-operated for our Common Safety, in the worst of Times.

We know, that the *Enemies* of our Constitution will allow no Merit to ~~any~~ Thing, done for the Service of the Government, because they hate it, and of course they resolve these Services of the *Jews* into meer Self-interest: But, when they *speak out* on this Point, we have the Pleasure to see them expose their Kidney, and the Al-

titude of their Heads at the same Time ; in making that an Objection against *Jews*, which is the governing Principle of the whole human Race.

Many, and notable, have the Works of the Press been, of all sorts and sizes, in Favour of *Christianity, Tumult, and Distraction*, when the Elections come on ; but there is one, which puts them all out of Countenance, and has more Wit, Humour, and Force of Reason in it, than all of them put together : And so it ought, for, more Execution is expected from it. If they pretend to Wit or Humour, shew me one of them, that can tickle the Fancy of the Wags of the Party, or cause so joyous a Contortion of the Muscles of the Face, as this ; if they set up for Argument, this is all self-evident Principles, and carries conviction at Sight, without the Incumbrance of Premises and Conclusion, or precarious Chains of Reasoning. The Party assure you, it can distinguish a *Jew* from a Christian at first View, without a word of *Moses*, or *Christ*. In a word, it is an Iliad in a Nutshell. It is not to be expected, that one Man can be the Author of so surprizing a Piece as this ; all the Party must have elubb'd their Wits towards it. If it had a Name, I would give it my Reader, and make him happy ; but the Work is so extraordinary, I don't wonder that the Authors cannot find out one adequate to it. Now, as I cannot do too much, to testify my Admiration of its Merit, I design to stand Godfather instead of a better, and give it a Name ; not a Jewish you may be sure, but a Christian one, because its Parents are Christians. It has been described, a List of the Members who voted for, and against the *Jew-bill* ; but I pronounce,
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its true Christian Name is, and shall be, *A Scheme for Dissensions, Tumults, Madnes, Confusion, Disaffection, and Bloodshed, at the approaching general Election.* And, whoever they be, that carry about this Firebrand, it will become every good Protestant Subject to discountenance, and shun them, for endeavouring to kindle a Flame in the Nation, and representing those Gentlemen, who are well known to be heartily united in Affection to our Constitution, to be of opposite Principles, for differing in Opinion upon a Subject which is trivial, in Comparison of the Disturbance which these Incendiaries have made about it.

In this extream Dearth of sterling Wit amongst us, the *Dutch* Kind has had an Opportunity of shining to great Advantage. This is a mechanick Sort of Wit, sold no where but in Print-shops. I like the Wags that deal in it, because they are always in good Humour; but they have been *unmercifully* Merry upon the poor *Jews*. In one Print you see the City of *London*, and *St. Paul's* with its lofty Cupolo proportionally reared above it, with this Inscription, *The New Jerusalem.* It is well this satirical Warning was given in their jocular Manner, otherwise *Massacre* might have been the Word, to save the City from being seized by the *Jews*. There are various other Pieces, which exhibit Conceits equally Ingenious. But going the other Day up *Ludgate-Hill*, I saw in this merry Company, one with a gloomy Aspect; it had Mortality in its Look, and seemed to be done by one in Despair: It was not the Work of a Dutch Hand, but of one, I was told, who had gone melancholy-Mad, with studying *French* Politicks. It was with
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great Design and Ingenuity placed among the *Dutch Droles*, as Contrasts to set off each other ; the Light no doubt to illustrate and recommend the Shade. The Party think this a well-timed Thing. It was a Print of the Monument of *James* the 2d, at the Scotch College in *Paris* ; “ dedicated to all true Lovers of the Royal Family of the *Stuarts*.” Whether this is reasonable or not, I shall leave to my Superiors to judge ; but I must observe, that the Royalty of that Family has been laid in the Dust these sixty-five Years ; and, whether any of the Family be on *Terra Firma*, or in *Nubibus*, I defy all the miracle-working Priests in Christendom, nay, even those Conjurors amongst us, who have with such *wrathful Eloquence*, proved the damnable State of the *Jew Act*, to make out : But, I can tell them, what is become of their Cause ; it died, and was buried with the *Highlanders*, and the other eminent Martyrs for the *Church*, in the last Rebellion.

These politick Mortals, our Underminers, well knowing that the Word *Religion* (no matter for the Thing) is the very Spirit which animates, and gives Motion to their Schemes, have made a perfect Proteus of it, and shewn it in great Variety of Shapes, to help on their Work. It is their Sheet-anchor, without which their Designs must sink. They have lately dressed it up in Ribbons, with five Words worked on them, comprehending the very Pith of all that has been said on their Side ; namely, *No Jews : —Christianity for ever* : And they want to draw in the Ladies, to an open Profession of their Party, by wearing them. I appeal to the Ingenious, who understand the Text of *The Tale of*

a Tub, Whether, to dress up Religion in Ribbons, is not a broad Hint, that Popery is at the bottom. I imagine, they expect to muster their Recruits at the Elections, by Cockades made of these Ribbons, placed in their Hats. And I am informed, that on a certain approaching Publick Day, some People intend to adorn their Horses with them. I shall leave it to those great Casuists, the *Orthodox Parsons*, to decide, Whether it will not be an Insult on our Religion, to set a Mark of Christianity on Brutes: And, it is natural to think, that those *Atheists*, the *Mock Free-Masons*, will, at their next Procession, take up the Example, and dress their Jack-asses in these Ribbons, at once to burlesque Religion, and ridicule the *venerable and honourable Order*. But, my chief present Concern about these Ribbons, regards the Fair Sex; for, though they do not always set a just Value upon themselves, especially when they let worthless Fellows get possession of them; yet, none but impudent *Asses* would presume to think, that Ladies will appear for them, in the *Furniture of Horses*.

It will doubtless be a solid Consolation to the *ingenious Vulgar*, who have fallen in with the Cry, without knowing for what, to find, that they happen to have invincible Arguments on their Side: I will therefore, for the Benefit of these *Rationals*, and to enable them to strike their Opposers dumb, state the *unanswerable Reasons* of the Authors, and Promoters of the Outcry, for quarrelling with the Act; and, I do hereby authorize and empower the said *Outcriers*, to print the same, and disperse them through all the Counties, Cities, and Boroughs in *Great-Britain*, for the Conviction of the Electors, and the good of the Cause.

Reasons

Reasons proving the Act concerning Jews, to be pernicious.

We, the Authors and Promoters of the Outcry against the said Act, being utter Enemies to the Constitution, the Trade of the Nation, and the Publick Peace, do, from these laudable Motives, and for the salutary Ends of Tumults, Bloodshed, &c. at the ensuing general Election, give the following *demonstrative Proofs*, that the said Act has, with the help of other Acts, put the Church, the State, and Trade in a most *dangerous Condition*.

First, As to the Church: The Act expressly debars a *Jew* from ever presenting to a Benefice, and vests that Power wholly in the Bishop of the Diocese; *ergo*, Our Religion is in Danger from the *Jews*.

Secondly, With regard to the State: Every Naturalization Act disables the Person naturalized, from being of the Privy-Council, or a Member of either House of Parliament, and from holding any Office, Civil or Military; *ergo*, All naturalized *Jews* will be received into Offices of Trust under the Crown.

Again; The Test Act admits no Person whatever into any Office under the Crown, without receiving the Sacrament; but, this is an Impossibility to *Jews*; *ergo*, All the great Offices and Places will certainly be filled with *Jews*.

Thirdly, In reference to Trade: Our *English* Merchants are the richest Body of Men in the World; *ergo*, The rich *Jews*, whether they be many, or few, will infinitely out-do them in Commerce, and ingross all the Trade of the Nation.

Again; We have many great trading Companies established by Acts of Parliament; *ergo*,
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The *Jews*, who never can get into Parliament, will repeal those Acts, and take all their Trade into their own Hands :

Therefore we hope, that the worthy Electors will take these *demonstrative Reasons* into serious Consideration, and send none to Parliament, who have done any Thing for the Increase of Trade, or the Good of the Publick.

This is a true State of the good Sense which attends the Outcry : And, is not this reasoning like Lord *Peter* to his Brothers in the *Tale of a Tub*, to prove a dry Crust to be a Shoulder of Mutton ? And I expect, that the Outcriers will conclude with the Electors, as *Peter* did with his Brothers ; if their Arguments do not prevail, they will give them a hearty Curse, and drop the Cry.

But, I cannot quit this Subject, without paying due Honours to those *Orthodox Sons* of the Church, who have lately signalized themselves, by lifting up their Voices like a Trumpet from the Pulpit, to proclaim to the People, that their *Mother* is in imminent Danger.

These hopeful Lads, the Parsons, have testified their *pious* Regards to the *old Woman* with a flaming Zeal. For, though our *Saviour* has promised to be with his Church to the End of the World ; and, that the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it ; they beg leave to be excused from taking his Word at this Time, because this Act has put the Church in *apparent Danger*.

When our *Saviour* was even upon the Cross, he prayed to his Father, to forgive the *Jews*, for they knew not what they did ; but these *meek*

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Followers of him, the *genuine* Parsons, would with a *holy* Fury, if they had any Interest above the Clouds, command Fire to come down from Heaven, to consume the whole Race of *Jews* in a Moment, who cannot injure them. But *Arians*, *Socinians*, *Papists*, *Deists*, and *Atheists*, they would have live, and thrive amongst us, as useful Members of *Christian Society*, and great Promoters of the *Good* of the *Church*.

These Sons of *Humility* know, that in *Popish* Countries, where *Tyranny* rules, the Priest rides the Monarch, and therefore the Church is safe: This thought makes their Heads ach, that they are not in the same Situation here; not that they are Proud, Ambitious, or Thirst after Power; for the *true* Sons of the Church are *eminent* Examples of *Humility* and *Moderation*; you may know an *Orthodox Parson*, by receiving a Bow with your Face to the Earth, with an *extream* Stiffness in his Neck, and without disturbing his Hat. But, they wish to be above all, only to have prevented this *Antichristian* Act, which has put the Church in Jeopardy.

It is their *extream* Love for the Church, which makes them think, his Majesty ought to have summoned a Convocation, that the Parliament might have asked their leave to make this Act, which has exposed the Church to Peril.

But tho' the Nature of our Constitution is so *unhappy*, that the Law is above the Church, these *Ecclesiastical Heroes* let you see, they are not to be so aw'd; and, with a *true Church militant* Courage mount their *spiritual Stage*, and attack and maul this poor Act, as they would do any other, which should put the Church in Danger. And yet, they don't invade that Text, which en-
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joins Subjection to the Higher Powers, because they are satisfied, that the *Church* ought to be above the Legislature.

These *peace-making* Ambassadors of Christ, knowing the great Influence they have over the *discerning and dutiful Vulgar*, have roared and foamed with a *righteous Zeal*, to stir up Strife and Contention thro' the Kingdom. They have the Art of it; this is *right Orthodoxy*, the End sanctifies the Means; for, it is to rescue the Church from Danger. But, some of the *perverse Laity*, who think these *Sons of Concord* are but meer Men, can't forbear their ill-natur'd Reflections, that they are guilty of the worst Sort of Ingratitude; which is, to injure Benefactors; *they are kept by the Parish*, and yet set those together by the Ears, who keep them. But this is their great Comfort; the more Mischief there is in the Nation, the greater is their Success, in their *pious Labours* for the Good of the Church.

Indeed, I can't deny, but the *orthodox Parsons* have Reason to be more deeply affected than other Men, at this Time; for they have a *Trade*, which the *ignorant Laity* call by the Name of Religion; and these *spiritual Artizans* are at their Wits End, lest their *Craft* should fall into *Jewish* Hands. I must own, this is the worst Light I see the *Jew-Act* in, it looks like Partiality, to give to perhaps every Trade in the Kingdom, a Chance of gaining, except that of *these Parsons*. And, while the Church continues in *Peril*, their *Trade* never can rise to the Height of their Wishes: But they will, with Christian Patience, comfort their Hearts with the *Orthodox* Bottle and Pipe, and drink most devoutly to the Time, when she will be again out of Danger.

It is expected, that the Papists, and their fast Friends, those *stanch Church-men* the *Jacobites*, will return their Thanks to their *worthy* Fellow-Labourers, the *Orthodox Parsons*, in as publick a Manner, as they have generously assisted them in the Cause, to prepare the People of *England* for Dissensions, Tumults, Frenzy, Confusion, Bloodshed, &c. at the next general Election; which doubtless will all turn to the *Prosperity* of the *Church*.

But there is one Thing a little unlucky for *these Parsons*; and that is, the Bible lies open in this Country, for those who think fit to read it; hence, several of the *Heterodox Laity* have taken Occasion to pervert Texts, to the great Scandal of these *sound Teachers*. They call them bitter Enemies to the Fruits of the Spirit; as, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance, &c. And say, that they are passionate Lovers and Promoters of the Works of the Flesh; as, Hatred, Variance, Emulations, Wrath, Strife, Seditions, Evil-speaking, Malice, &c. But, these Persons are ignorant, and are to be informed, that the only true Interpreter of Scripture, is the *Church*; and, when She is out of her *present Danger*, she will interpret it in an *Orthodox Sense*.

As to the Clergy, who have been so *remiss*, that they have not stirred a Step to relieve the Church, in this Time of her *great Distress*; nor attacked the Laws of the Land in the Pulpit; nor preached Sedition for the *Good* of the *Church*; nor play'd the Devil for G—d's Sake; but have contented themselves in going on in the *insignificant* sober, beaten Paths of Reason, Truth, and Scripture, for the Instruction of the People under their Care; with *Moderation* for their Guide; I hope, as well

for their Sake, as for that of us of the Laity, that our Church will always remain in the same *Danger* it is in at present ; for then, they never will want an Opportunity of being amiable Patterns of Imitation to us ; which will be a worthy Recommendation of them, to those Preferments, that none but those, who practise what they profess, can deserve.

And now, I must confess, I have no small Comfort, (which every Mind honestly ambitious has a Right to) from the Prospect that these my Labours will be of use to my Fellow-Subjects, towards composing and settling those Brains that have been seized with the *epidemick Vertigo*, which rages thro' the Nation. In the first Place, I have demonstrated, that the sole Tendency of the Act is to increase Trade ; therefore it is reasonable to expect, that those who have been deceived, will rest satisfied, that it was made for the Publick Good. Next, I verily believe, that my deluded Fellow-Christians will, after my Monitions, return to their Duty, and put their firm Trust in Christ, for the Security of his Church, let the *Orthodox Parsons* say what they will : And, the Safety of the Protestant Church will be a never-failing Proof of the State's being Protestant too ; because our Church, and our State, have a necessary Coexistence. Thirdly, I take it for granted, that *Mahometans* who call Christians Dogs, are no Rule for Christians ; but, that it is the Glory of a Christian, to treat every Man, as a Being who carries about him a great Dignity, that is, human Nature : And consequently I may hope, that *Jews* will be regarded as Men, who have immortal Souls as well as we. That the common Principles of Justice oblige us,

to demean ourselves towards the *Jews* of *London*, as to good Subjects, who in Time of Danger loyally engaged their Fortunes in Defence of our Common Cause: And, that the same Justice, joined with a due regard to the Prosperity of our Trade, should make us look on them as useful Members, in a Country which subsists by Commerce; whose Wealth turned in merchandizing, helps to keep the Manufacturer perpetually employed; and, who therefore deserve to be freed from the Perplexities, which Aliens labour under.

Upon the whole; the furious Clamour which has been raised against this Act concerning *Jews*, is in itself so unmeaning, that it deserves no other Treatment, than that of Ridicule: But, as it has been set on foot, with a poisonous Design to pervert the Minds of Men, by its false and foolish Pretences; to lay a Foundation for a Train of Evils, at a Time when Tranquillity is of the greatest Moment to the Nation; and, to make an unhappy Prejudice a Handle, to use those ill, who do not deserve it: It became necessary, to expose the pernicious Purposes of our secret Enemies, in their Schemes to divide the Kingdom against itself; to rescue the Act from the stupid Contradictions it is charged with; to set it in a just Light; and, to prove its Tendency to *Publick Utility*; to recover those, who have been unwarily misled to join in a senseless Outcry; to put others on their Guard against it; and, to give Instances of Fact, in the Memory of every one, that *Jews* are good Subjects, and to be depended on; and are therefore *worthy of the Publick Favour*.